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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD RE TOLBERT'S RECENT MEETINGS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN DIGNITARIES: QUOTE MY GREAT AND GOOD FRIEND: IN KEEPING WITH MY COMMITMENT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE, COOPERATION AND PROGRESS, I HAVE UNDERTAKEN A SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IT IS MY CONVICTION THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO REPLACE CONFRONTATION WITH CONCILIATION IN ALL PARTS OF OUR ONE WORLD AND PREPARE THE WAY FOR PROGRESS WHICH CAN BE ACHIEVED MORE EASILY WHEN PEACE PREVAILS AMONG MANKIND.

2. IN THIS SPIRIT I HELD DISCUSSIONS IN MONROVIA IN 1972 WITH BISHOP ABEL MUZOREWA OF ZIMBABWE (RHODESIA) AND MORE RECENTLY WITH CHIEF M. GATSHA BUTHELEZI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR, KWAZULU OF SOUTH AFRICA, MR. SAM NOJOMA, PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH WEST AFRICA PEOPLES ORGANIZATION, AND HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN VORSTER, PRIME MINISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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3. IN THIS CONNECTION, I ENCLOSE HERewith A COPY OF MY

STATEMENT ON THE RECENT VISIT TO LIBERIA OF PRIME MINISTER
JOHN VORSTER OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

4. WITH ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND
ESTEEM AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL WELLBEING AND
THAT OF MRS. FORD AND FOR THE CONTINUED PROGRESS AND
PROSPERITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. SINCERELY,
W.R. TOLBERT, JR. UNQUOTE.

5.DEPARTMENT PREPARING SUGGESTED PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE TO
ABOVE. INGERSOLL

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